



Health and Wellbeing Board

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This is the 2021/22 Annual Report of the Safeguarding Adult Executive Board (SAEB). The multi-agency Board provides leadership of adult safeguarding across the Bi- borough. The purpose of the Board is to ensure that member agencies work together, and independently, to secure the safety of residents who are at most at risk of harm from others, or through self-neglect. The responsibilities of the SAEB are detailed in Schedule 2 of the Care Act 2014¹, and include the requirement to report on how members are progressing the SAEB's strategic priorities. These priorities are informed by the learning from Safeguarding Enquiries (Section 42), and Safeguarding Adults Reviews (Section 44) of deaths and serious harm.
- 1.2 The report seeks to show how the SAEB and member agencies have addressed these priorities during 2021/22 and provides an overview of the work of the Board and its subgroups. The focus this year has been about

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/schedule/2/enacted>

learning from how the pandemic has affected our safeguarding work and what we have done about this. The Annual Report falls into 4 main chapters in which the partnership achievements for 2021-2022 are described.

- 1 **Safeguarding Ambassadors:** A unique group of individuals from prominent service user groups passionate about preventing abuse and neglect. They raise awareness of safeguarding and empower people to be confident in responding to abuse and neglect.
- 2 **Making Safeguarding Personal:** The SAEB ensure that the core principles of Making Safeguarding Personal are threaded throughout our strategy and all our activities and events. We listen and collaborate with service users by experience to ensure the voices of our communities are heard and that adults are being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions on how to keep themselves safe.
- 3 **Communities Keeping themselves Safe:** The SAEB continue to build community resilience and Safeguarding prosperity within our communities. This year we have addressed barriers in raising safeguarding awareness, creating an inclusive and diverse safeguarding culture with 'seldom heard from' community groups.
- 4 **Listening Leading and Learning:** As a partnership we have continued to look at information about local safeguarding activity to inform our priorities. We consider recommendations and lessons learned from both national and local Safeguarding Adult Reviews to understand what needs to change.

1.3 Highlights from each of the 4 key areas found in the report include:

- **Page 15: Maria's Report:** The Community Engagement Prevention Agenda: we continue to hear the voice of our Safeguarding Ambassadors who bring safeguarding risks to the attention of the Board, and we support them by responding to the needs of our communities.
- **Page 17: Glenda** shared her story about her journey from Service User to Safeguarding Ambassador and to becoming a voice to influence safeguarding for London. This video is scheduled to be shared at various local and National Events during Safeguarding Awareness week 2022.
- **Page 18: The London Voices Group:** Bi-borough Ambassadors with lived experience of Safeguarding have provided safeguarding leadership and invaluable contributions to safeguarding governance and practice across London.
- **Page 20-21: Commissioning of the Safe at Home Project:** working closely with seldom heard from diverse groups in the communities of the Bi-Borough we have co-produced and delivered Safeguarding Awareness 'Train the Trainer' training to the Black Minority Ethnic Health Forum throughout 2021/22. This programme was the first of its kind both regionally and countrywide to 'hard to reach' language and religious faith groups across the Bi-borough
- **Pages 25 - 27: Working together across Adults and Children's services to support Afghan evacuees.** Children's and Adults partnership agencies

provided additional services alongside assistance for refugees into existing health and social care services across the Bi-Borough.

- **Pages 30: Launch of the Blue Light Project and Ian's story**, a video that tells Ian's story - a homeless man who had someone who really cared about him.
- **Pages 39:** What the data is telling us about our safeguarding outcomes.
- **Page 44:** Our Safeguarding Ambassadors launched a **Cybercrime video** to mark Safeguarding Adults Week 2021, which was both a national and local success.
- **Pages 47 - 48: Focus on self-neglect and hoarding.** This year we reviewed our local hoarding strategies and are holding an event in 2022 to support Practitioners to be vigilant in identifying and responding effectively to self-neglect and hoarding
- **Pages 53 – 66 Safeguarding Adult Reviews:** This section demonstrates the ways in which professionals and agencies across the Bi-borough have worked together to embed national and local learning, highlighting key learning and extensive work that has taken place across the partnership throughout 2021/2022 in response to reviews.
- **Pages 67 – 68: Our Strategic Plan 2022-2025** sets out how the Board will work towards achieving its ambitions for safeguarding adults in the Bi-Borough and has four key priorities to ensure that, wherever possible, safeguarding responsibilities are delivered in a way that creates safeguarding prosperity within our communities and continues to have 'Making Safeguarding Personal' (MSP) at the heart of everything we do.

2. Key Matters for the Board

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is requested to consider the Annual Report 2021/22 of the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board (SAEB), with particular regard to the arrangements that have been put in place to meet the requirements of the Care Act 2014, from 1st April 2015

3. Background

- 3.1 In January 2015, the Protocol to set out governance arrangements between the Health and Wellbeing Boards and the Safeguarding Adults Executive Board (SAEB) was agreed.
- 3.2 The anticipated benefits of this protocol were:
 - a) *Ensuring safeguarding is “everyone’s business” and is reflected in the adult social care, health and public health agenda;*
 - b) *Any safeguarding issues, or opportunities for the HWB to use its strategic influence over commissioning, are communicated to the HWB by the SAEB;*
 - c) *Equally, if the HWBB have concerns about safeguarding issues affecting health outcomes, these are effectively communicated back to the SAEB for consideration;*
 - d) *Cross-Board partnership working embeds safeguarding across the health and wellbeing sector*

4. Need

- 4.1 The Safeguarding Adults Reviews section of the report highlights the ways in which professionals and agencies across the Bi-borough have worked together to embed national and local learning, highlighting key learning and extensive work that has taken place across the partnership throughout 2021/2022 in response to reviews. This demonstrates how much can be achieved by working together to tackle issues that may make communities unhealthy or unsafe. The SAEB actively promotes a learning culture and members are transparent, engaged, and accountable to one another, leading to better outcomes for people in need of care and support.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Board accept the 2021/22 Annual Report of the SAEB, and in particular notes and lends support to the strategic priorities that are informing the work of the SAEB during 2022 - 25. (See pages 67 - 68).

Background papers: Protocol to set out governance arrangements between the Health and Wellbeing Boards and the Safeguarding Adults Board 14 January 2015

If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers, please contact:

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